

~~A1~~ more labels configured to control routing of the packet and [a] said payload.

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~~A2~~ 4. (AMENDED) The packet according to claim 1, wherein said [frame] payload comprises protocol-independent data.

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~~A3~~ 7. (AMENDED) The packet according to claim 1, comprising a packet identifier configured to store configuration information to identify [said] a data type of said payload, wherein said packet contains a specific protocol identifier, separate from  
5 a general protocol identifier, for [all] each of [the] a number of different [packets of] packet data types.

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~~A4~~ 11. (AMENDED) The packet according to claim 1, [further comprising a] wherein said payload is configured to store data.

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~~A5~~ 16. (AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:  
one or more nodes configured to transfer one or more packets, each packet comprising a payload and one or more labels configured to control switching of the one or more packets and [a] said payload, wherein each node is configured to transmit and/or  
5 receive said one or more packets in response to said one or more labels.